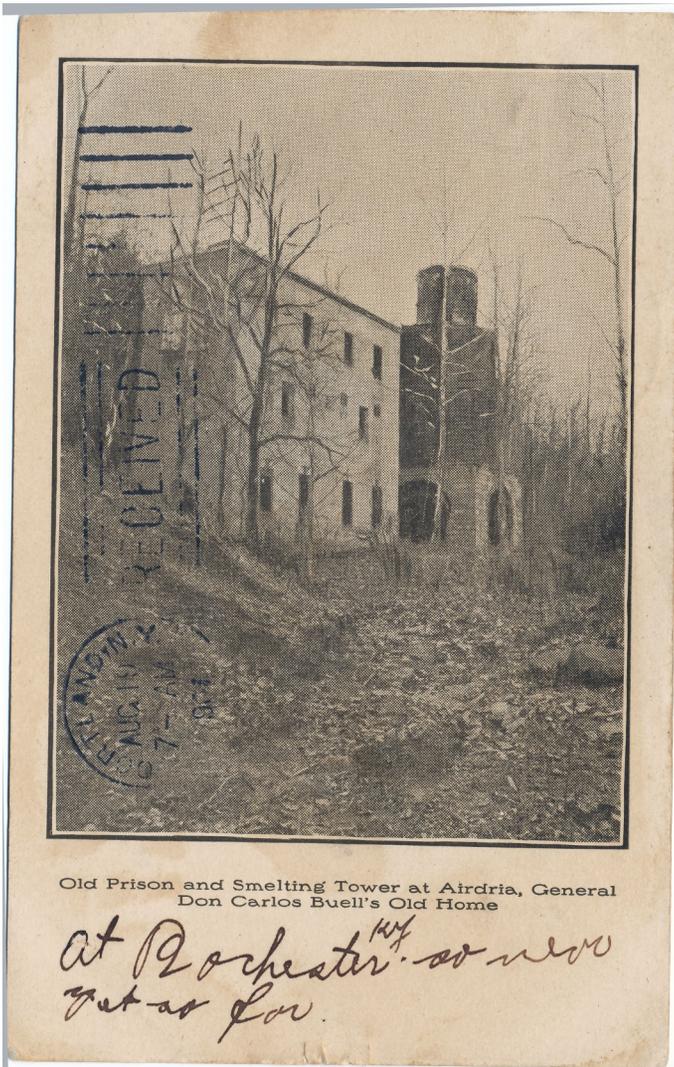


A KENTUCKY HISTORY MOMENT

MUHLENBERG COUNTY: FURNACE FAILURE FUELS HORSE INDUSTRY

Scottish immigrant Robert Alexander dreamed of replicating in Kentucky his family's success in the iron industry of Scotland. He brought more than 200 people from Scotland to build and operate what, in 1855, was the world's largest iron furnace. The process his family used in their home country did not work with the Kentucky iron ore they had. Alexander invested more than \$300,000 in the venture before he abandoned it, moved to Woodford County and started Airdrie Stud.

This postcard, dating from 1901 to 1907, shows Airdrie Furnace ruins. Kentucky Historical Society, Ronald Morgan Kentucky Postcard Collection, Graphic5.Box1.2.



Old Prison and Smelting Tower at Airdria, General Don Carlos Buell's Old Home

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